2. Over and above the TPDS allocations of 190.18 lakh tons mentioned above, the following allocations of foodgrains have also been made during the year.

Allocations for flood relief:

- Additional allocations of 63000 tons of rice and 20000 tons of wheat have been made for flood relief to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka and UP during the current year so far.

Additional allocations on requests of State Governments

- Over and above TPDS allocations, 8000 tons of wheat and 4.41 lakh tons of rice have been allocated to the States/UTs at economic cost based on the request received from these State/UT Governments.

3. Besides the above, the Government has released 10 lakh tons of wheat and 5 lakh tons of rice for distribution to retail consumers and 5 lakh tons of wheat for bulk consumers under OMSS during October to December, 2009 to check inflationary trends in food economy.

2. **Measures taken for strengthening of TPDS**:

4. A number of measures have been initiated by Department of Food and Public Distribution to strengthen TPDS which include improved monitoring and vigilance, increased transparency in functioning of TPDS, use of Information and communication technology tools and efficient operation of FPS.

These measures include:

A. Measures to strengthen monitoring and vigilance

(i) Implementation of the Nine Point Action Plan

(ii) Review to detect and eliminate bogus ration cards and action against those with Bogus Ration Cards

(iii Greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)

B. Increased transparency in functioning of TPDS

(i) Adoption and implementation of revised Model Citizens' Charter to facilitate use of Right to Information Act.

(ii) Introduction of monthly certification of delivery of foodgrains at price shops and their distribution to ration card holders

(iii) Publicity-cum-awareness Campaign on TPDS

(iv) Display of allocation of foodgrains - district and FPS wise on websites for public scrutiny.

C. Use of ICT tools

(i) Pilot Scheme on Computerization of TPDS Operations in four states.

(ii) Pilot Scheme on Smart Card based Operations in Haryana and Chandigarh.